

AMENDED MINUTES  
DATED APRIL 20, 2021  
for  
THE FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION  
to the MINUTES of  
MARCH 13, 2021—SEBRING, FLORIDA

OPENING: President Dave Kudro called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M. He called Phil Rebholz to the floor and presented his Roll of Champions pin for his wins last season. Dave thanked Phil, as a past president, for his help and friendship.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Prayer by Roger Smith, followed by pledge led by Marti Noble.

OATH OF OFFICE: Cindy Slaughterbeck was sworn in as new president of Southwest Coast District.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Ray Buck made a motion to add discussion on number of players in walking and non-walking TOC, seconded by Steve Raimondi and passed. Tom Winkelspecht made a motion to add discussion regarding amateur move up points in view of lack of play in the district, due to the Covid, seconded by Ken Offenther and passed. Motion to accept the Agenda, as amended, made by Bob Hovatter, seconded by John Jefferson, and passed.

ROLL CALL: All officers were present except Lorraine Layton, Northern District, who was represented by Rod Lewis.

GUEST: There were six (6) guests welcomed by the president who encouraged other members of district boards to attend to learn how the FSA operates.

MINUTES: Motion made by Colleen Austin, seconded by Glenn Monroe, to accept as posted and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joyce Smith distributed the report. There is a balance of \$5,403.52 in checking and \$8,685.14 in money market for a total of \$14,088.66. She stated that the FSA had been filing an incorrect IRS report and that the Association had lost its tax-exempt status. She has corrected this (filing fee to reinstate of \$275.00) and all is ok with the IRS. She also reported that the incorrect percentage of court fees has been reported on the financial reports (FSA receives 60% and clubs receive 40%). She stated that the Affiliated Club page should be cleaned up.

COMMUNICATION: Dave praised Glenn Monroe for putting pictures of tournament winners on the website.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Bob Hovatter thanked everyone, especially Dave, for a job well done with tournaments during this pandemic. We had no outbreak among shufflers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble also expressed thanks to Dave for his leadership.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Colleen Austin had nothing.

KEEPER OF RECORDS/WEBMASTER: Glenn Monroe thanked Dave and requested that he receive a copy of the list of paid club dues.

#### REPORT FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENT:

1. West Coast District: Steve Raimondi reported that the Tournament of Champions will be held at St. Petersburg on Monday, March 15-17, 2021.
2. Southwest Coast District: Cindy Slaughterbeck thanked the FSA board for the protocols which had kept everyone safe at tournaments at Bradenton and Trailer Estates. She stated that the City of Bradenton has put \$200,00.00 into improvements at the Bradenton shuffleboard courts.
3. Southern District: John Jefferson reported that all state tournaments have been held at Lee County and thanked them as well as the FSA board for the protocols. He asked if masks will be required during the summer for fun play. Glenn responded that FSA only controls tournaments held during the season, however they would still have to abide by city or county rules.
4. Southeast Coast District: Roger Smith stated they only hosted one tournament and attendance was low. He reported that Ron Vaughn will be president next year.
5. Central East Coast District: Tom Winkelspecht reported that two clubs, Wickham Park and Vero Beach are holding nonofficial tournaments to keep the game interest going. There has been no district or state tournaments.
6. Northern District: Rod Lewis stated that Leesburg has held 3 state tournaments but there have been no district tournaments.
7. Central District: John Houghtaling stated that he appreciates all that Dave has done. He reported on the 3 venue tournaments for amateurs. There were some difficulties but feels they were accepted. Dave would like to see this type of tournament for amateurs played in Parks.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Roberts Rules/Parliamentarian: nothing
2. State tournament director: Glenn Monroe reported that the numbers for the Tournament of Champions for Amateurs is low.
3. Tournament Scheduling: Marti Noble said that she would like to have a meeting with the District Presidents in the Fall to discuss the 2022-2023 schedule. She asked that they think about any changes during the summer.
4. Executive/Finance: Covered earlier by Joyce.
5. Preview Editor: Colleen Austin stated that not enough copies were ordered but they based the number on the circumstances. She reported that she had compared pricing with the current printer, PLS, and Staples and felt we should continue with PLS. She reported that Margaret Dear, who has experience in graphic design and sign making has agreed to be the new Preview Editor. The districts have asked about free pages, but Joyce felt FSA cannot afford any at this time. The cost is \$150 for each page and districts will have to determine what they can afford. Dave suggested that a lot of the information for districts is on their websites.
6. Publicity/Marketing: Dave has been working with MWM Productions, a company who does documentaries. They have interviewed a few players and might be at the Masters.

7. Audit: Pending
8. Rules/Regulations/Bylaws: Glenn had nothing.
9. Hall of Fame (2022): John Jefferson reported that they are working on a location, etc. Linda Rebholz reported that she has the plaques stored at her house for the 2021 inductees.
10. Advisory Board: Past President, Phil Rebholz congratulated the board on the handling of the pandemic. He stated that he has seen a lot of new players this season. He also commented on the passing of Jim Bailey, a past FSA president and fine man.
11. Masters Tournament (2021): Cindy Slaughterbeck read a letter stating that the Southwest Coast District will host the Masters under strict protocols. This would not allow any food, presentations, or guests. After much discussion, Central District volunteered Sebring courts and West Coast District thought St. Petersburg might be willing to host. A vote was taken as to whether to hold the Masters at Bradenton under their conditions and failed. As time is of the essence, a motion was made by Bob Hovatter to have the Masters at Sebring, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed. There will be pushers and some guests. There will be no daily lunches but may have box lunches at the presentation ceremony. Rotation of the Masters will not be affected by the changes.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. SE Coast District Request on registration fee: Roger Smith had requested that the registration fee be increased from \$6.00 to \$7.00 before the pandemic.
2. Registration fees State Tournaments: THIS ITEM WAS COMBINED WITH NO. 1. The FSA allowed the fee to be raised up to \$8.00 to cover sanitation cost. There was much discussion as to how the extra \$2.00 has been used, etc. Dave distributed financial forms to demonstrate how percentages could change with the increase. After discussion, a motion was made by John Jefferson, seconded by John Houghtaling, to increase the fee from \$6.00 to \$8.00 with the extra \$2.00 to be divided between the district/state, club, and director. This increase would be for district and state tournaments. Glenn Monroe amended the motion "to be effective the date the COVID protocol expires", seconded by Marti Noble and passed. Vote on the original motion, as amended, passed. FSA protocol will remain in effect until the CDC changes their rules. FSA can also vote to amend its protocols.
3. President's Message: Dave Kudro read his farewell letter expressing his concerns for the future of shuffleboard. 1. He would encourage amateur membership, etc.; 2. He would encourage players to become more involved in the district and state boards; 3. He stressed that the FSA should NEVER CHANGE the 75-point format. He praised and thanked the FSA board for their support and work. He also thanked past president, Phil Rebholz, who was instrumental in Dave becoming a member of the board, for his support and friendship. He closed with a quote from Henry Ford "Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success".

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Oath of Office was given to the following elected officers by Dave Kudro:  
President: Bob Hovatter  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Colleen Austin

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Jan Cote  
Secretary: Linda Rebholz  
Treasurer: Joyce Smith  
Keeper of Records: Glenn Monroe

Bob again thanked Dave for his service on the board.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Florida Shuffleboard Association, Section 2, Article VII, (i), check signing authority has now passed to the association Treasurer, Joyce Smith, President, Bob Hovatter, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Marti Noble. Robert Hovatter is one and the same, and also known as, Bob Hovatter. Martha Noble is one and the same, and also known as, Marti Noble.

2. Letter from Sheila Winkelspecht: Sheila was concerned that in the absence of referees, as referred to in the Rules, no one can bring a violation to the attention of the tournament director. Glenn Monroe stated that we have not had referees for many years and the rules need to be updated. However, he stated that players can AND should bring violations to the attention of the tournament director so that he can take appropriate action. Glenn and the Rules Committee will study the letter and report to the board in October.

3. Walking/non-walking singles: Ray Buck quoted Rules Art. 4(g)-If there are less than 16 players in the walking division at the Tournament of Champions and State and National Singles that begin on Monday, the division will be non-walking.” He is requesting that the number be changed to eight (8). Glenn explained that the change had been made due to low participation and points. Motion made by Ray to allow walking singles if there is a minimum of 8 players. If there are less than 16 players in the walking division in the Red Line State Singles, the normal point distribution would be used rather the Red Line points outlined in Article 10(e). If there are less than 16 players in the Red Line State Singles, the prize money for that division will be prorated according to the number of players, i.e., 1/16 of the total prize money times the actual number of players. Seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck and passed. A motion made by John Jefferson, seconded by Steve Raimondi, that this motion be effective as of today FAILED.

4. Amateur points to be kept: Tom Winkelspecht was concerned that with no district tournaments in the Central East Coast District that the amateurs would lose their move up points according to the FSA rules (Article 9(a)2 and Article 9(b)2). Motion made by Cindy Slaughterbeck that, for this season only, the accumulated amateur move-up points be retained for a fourth year. Seconded by Ken Offenther and passed. KORs WILL HAVE TO BE INFORMED.

5. President’s Goals: Bob stated that he has asked Dave Kudro to continue working with MWM Productions. He also stated that his goals are: 1. continue to encourage amateurs; 2. build funds and 3. continue to work together for good of shuffleboard. He wished everyone a good summer and looks forward to a better, if uncertain, fall season.

Motion made by Steve Raimondi, seconded by John Jefferson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Future meeting: October 16, 2021 and January 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary

Amendment to the original minutes respectfully signed by:

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Robert Hovatter AKA Bob Hovatter, President

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Martha Noble AKA Marti Noble, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

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Joyce Smith, Treasurer